

# THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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## New Interviews

Five new interviews are available for patrons to use. Stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to and/or view these interviews—or the more than 1,200 other interviews in the collection. The new interviews listed here are filmed in digital video. Summaries and transcripts for our oral histories are available online at [www.bplcarnegie.org/oralhistory](http://www.bplcarnegie.org/oralhistory).

**OH 1208V A-B. Roman Kohler** talks about his long career at Rocky Flats. Topics include work conditions, safety procedures, other work that was done at Rocky Flats besides nuclear weapons work, and more. By Dorothy Ciarlo.

**OH 1248V A-B. Alex Hunter**, talks about his 28-year tenure as Boulder County District Attorney. He discusses accomplishments, challenges, and notable cases that he handled, including the death of JonBenet Ramsey. By Gerald Caplan. Filmed by Rocky Thompson.

**OH 1249V A-B. Employees of Special Transit**, a “door-through-door” transport service for elderly and disabled residents in Boulder County, talk about the services that they provide, the warm relationships that develop between drivers and riders, and the details of running this non-profit business. By Wendy Hall.

**OH 1252V. A. Frank Knotts** discusses Boulder from 1954 to 1974, including the practice of clinical psy-

## FEATURED INTERVIEW



**Alex Hunter discusses his 28-year-long career as Boulder County's District Attorney in this interview by Gerald Caplan. (OH 1248V A-B)**

chology during that time, the controversy about celebrating Christmas in the public schools, and hippies and Vietnam war protests in Boulder. By Marvin Woolf.

**OH 1269V A-B. Herb Bowman**, discusses operations at Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant from 1951 to 1975. Topics include management by Dow Chemical, safety at the plant, buildings on the site, the Cold War era, and more. By Hannah Nordhaus.

## Oral History News

**Celebrate!** As the year draws to a close, we want to extend an invitation to all oral history volunteers to put the January Volunteer Meeting on your calendar. On January 8th at 9:00 a.m., we will be celebrating the incredibly prolific and valuable work that everyone involved in the program has done in 2004. The celebration includes everyone: interviewers, videographers, transcribers, and the sometimes invisible but tremendously important administrative volunteers who contribute to archiving, researching, and the development and maintenance of the database and online site for the program. As usual, Wendy and Susan will be putting on a big “thank you breakfast” for your enjoyment and there will be a pie for our most prolific interviewer. In addition, Nicky promises to be at the meeting to offer her annual resolution and, in her words, “I promise it will be entertaining.” Don’t miss it!

**Next volunteer meeting  
January 8  
at 9:00 a.m.**

**Virtual Photos.** Marti Anderson has created the “Roland and Jewel Virtual Photo Collection” from Wolcott family photos that Roland loaned to Carnegie for scanning. You can view the photos by going to [www.boulder.lib.co.us](http://www.boulder.lib.co.us), and doing a word search in the catalog for “Wolcott virtual photo.” This sort of virtual photo collection also can be created for your interviewees’ historic photos. For details, ask Wendy, Susan or Marti.

**Summaries and Transcripts.** For interviewers who have been laboring over your summaries and transcripts, there is double good news. First, our new method of inserting indexing numbers into summaries and transcripts make the indexing more accurate, but is best done at the library when an interview is being reviewed for archiving. Therefore, interviewers do not need to insert indexing numbers anymore when preparing summaries or transcripts. Also, for those of you who dislike the whole process of creating summaries and transcripts, we are happy to report that we have several new volunteers who

will be transcribing interviews! So feel free to contact Susan to ask if there is a transcriber available for your interview before you begin laboring away.

**Volunteer Report.**

- Doris and Art Olsen are beginning interviews with Boulder Homeless Shelter residents.
- Nancy Hunt has finished training to do interviews with former Rocky Flats’ employees and will begin interviewing in December.
- Joyce Gordon has interviewed Clara Perez-Mendez.
- Shirley Steele interviewed Eileen Metzger.
- Anne Dyni interviewed Dick Hicks, Red Southern, and Mike Holubec of Niwot
- Former Boulder resident Bob Gorson has donated nine hours of interviews with botanist William Weber!

**Best wishes to all for an enjoyable holiday season  
and a healthy, happy, and peaceful new year.**

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